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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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FILE NO. D. 59A/1(6)-0

SUBJECT:

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Headquarters,  
Shanghai Municipal Police.

December 27, 1940.

To.

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undersigned documents.

Reference No:- D.8039A/41(C)-O.

Subject :- Gambling dens in the Western District - situation.

Enclosures

Copy of a Police Report.

For information. No action required.

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December 26, 1940.

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Headquarters,  
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December 21, 1940.

To. Secretary & Commissioner General,  
S. M. C.

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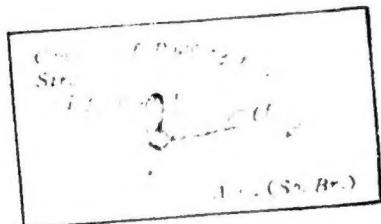
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## New Gaming Den Opened Locally

### Resort On Yu Yuen Rd. Said Most Lavish In Entire City

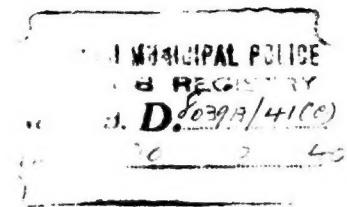
Repeated official promises that local gambling dens in the western area would be reduced, showed even more remote chance of fulfillment today, when it was learned that one more gaming house was opened last night at 730 Yu Yuen Road, while another is likely to open up shortly at a well-known foreign club in the Settlement.

The new gambling den on Yu Yuen Road, bearing no name but with its lights brightly illuminating its address number, is the most lavish of its kind so far established in the western area.

According to one source, the stakes at the new gambling den are high and only persons with special passes will be permitted to enter and play at the tables.

The other gambling den is reported likely to open up in the near future at an address on Bubbling Well Road.

Mr. Lee  
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Shanghai Press :-

A NEW GAMBLING DEN ON TIFENG ROAD

According to reliable information, a new gambling den will soon be established at No.6 Tifeng Road in the Western District. The place is at present being fitted out. It is said that this gambling den will be one of the most up-to-date in existence. As it is a very large organization, it is receiving particular attention from persons interested in gambling dens.

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November 25, 1940

To:

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

The following information is submitted in accordance with your instructions for the preparation of a memorandum for the Secretary & Commissioner General.

Reference No.: D.5039A/41(C)-O.

Subject: - Gambling Dens in the Westboro District - situation.

Information

Copy of Police Report.

For information. No action required.

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November 25, 1940.

Gambling dens in the Western District - situation.

A new gambling den entitled the "Hwa Loh Hotel" (华乐酒店), 792 Yu Yuen Road, opened on November 23, 1940. This den is a branch of the China Club, 29 Tifeng Road.

There are now three leading gaming establishments and six small ones operating in the Western District.

November 25, 1940.

Gambling dens in the Western District -  
situation

(Vide Special  
Branch report  
dated 11/10/40).

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Lah Hotel" (華樂飯店), 792 Yu Yuen Road,  
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branch of the China Club, 29 Tifeng Road.

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October 23, 1940.

Afternoon Translation

Cheng Yien Pao

"SINO-JAPANESE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATION" IS AN OPIUM AND GAMBLING ORGANIZATION

On October 14, Ting Kuo-hwa (丁國華), responsible member of the "Sino Japanese Economic Research Association" (中日經濟研究會) at No. 82 Yates Road, sent Zien Yang-yuan (錢耀元) and Liu Ming-sung (劉明生), two accountants, to take 128 ounces of opium to the Jau Kong dyes shop (舊公染料行) at House No. 10, Lane 277, Shantung Road, and to hand the drug to one Wu (吳), an accountant of the shop. Zien and Liu were instructed by Ting to go by motor car, licence No. 9118, which is owned by Li Jen-kin (李仁金), grandson of Marquis Li Hung-chang, residing at No. 150 Edinburgh Road. The motor car was driven by chauffeur Zau Pong-sung (蔡榮生).

When the car arrived at the entrance of Lane 277 Shantung Road, the opium was discovered by officers of the Narcotic Section of the Shanghai Municipal Police. Zien, Liu and Zau were taken to the Police Station together with the motor car and the opium. When the officers went to arrest Wu, he had already made good his escape. The arrested persons were later charged in the Shanghai First Special District Court.

Yesterday morning, a further hearing of the case was held by Judge Sih-feng (施豐).

Mr. Paul Hu, Municipal Advocate, stated that House No. 82 Yates Road is a large secret gambling den which is also engaged in opium traffic. The opium seized was sold to the Jau Kong dyes shop. As Wu has escaped, the Court would be requested in accordance with law to issue a warrant for his arrest. Mr. Paul Hu further stated that the motor car licence No. 9118 had been taken away from the Police Station by a Jap house. He then requested, under Article 5 of the Opium Suppression Law, that a penalty be imposed upon the accused.

Accused Zien Yang-yuan stated that he did not know anything about the sending of opium.

Accused Liu Ming-sung stated that he sent the opium to the Jau Kong dye's shop under instructions from Ting Kuo-hwa.

Accused Zau Pong-sung stated that the car he drove belonged to one Lee and had been sent to House No. 82 Yates Road, and that he was ordered to drive the car to Shantung Road on that day but he did not know that opium was being transported.

Judge Sih-feng announced that the accused Zien Yang-yuan and Zau Pong-sung, for having engaged in trafficking in opium, would each be sentenced to five years' imprisonment in addition to a fine of \$1,000 each, and be deprived of civil rights for five years; that the accused Zau Pong-sung, for a civilian offence, would be sentenced to two and one-half years' imprisonment, in addition to being deprived of civil rights for twenty years; that the 128 ounces of seized opium be confiscated and turned over to the Narcotic Section of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

P. T. O.

October 23, 1940.

Afternoon Translation.

Chinese-American Daily News, National Herald, Cheng Yien Pao,  
Sin Wan Pao and Shun Pao :-

C.P.C. FATALLY SHOOTS C.D.C. BY MISTAKE

The Dah Sing Clock and Watch Shop (大新鐘表行), No. 230 Kiukiang Road and Hupeh Road, next to the New Wei Chung Hotel (新嘉興旅館), is owned by Koo Pao-shu (歐家樹), a native of Ningpo. This shop has been robbed three times this year: once on January 6, the second time in March and yesterday was the third time.

At about 7 p.m. yesterday, three robbers, two of whom were armed with pistols, entered the shop and after intimidating the inmates, robbed the place of 49 watches valued at \$1,600. The robbers decamped along Kiukiang Road in an easterly direction.

When nearing Kiu King Lee (舊錦記), Shanse Road, the robbers were met by C.P.C. 424 of Louza Station who gave chase to the men and opened fire at them.

At about this time, Central Police Station received an alarm and sent out a number of armed Chinese and foreign detectives and policemen in a car. Chinese Detective Chin Tuh-sun (金竹生) gave chase to the robbers. As the C.D.C. who was in plain clothes was running close to the robbers, the C.P.C. mistook him for one of the robbers and fired four shots at him. One shot struck the C.D.C. in the back of his head and emerged through the forehead. He fell down in front of the Chang Shing Kee Silk Thread Shop (長興記) in Kiu King Lee. A C.P.C., on duty nearby sent the wounded C.D.C. to the Lester Chinese Hospital in a car, but the officer succumbed to his wounds at 8 p.m.

The robbers made good their escape.

A stray bullet broke a glass in the showcase of the Sze Shing Chong Embroidery Shop (紫錦祥).

Cheng Yien Pao :-

JOINT MEETING TO BE HELD BY VARIOUS BENEVOLENT BODIES TO-MORROW

Of late contributions received for refugee relief have shown a marked decrease. A meeting of various benevolent bodies was summoned last week by the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association at which it was decided that all young and able-bodied refugees in the various refugee camps should be given a sum of money and be repatriated; that the rest of the refugees be kept in four camps.

However, some of the refugee camps are opposed to this decision for it was feared that many whole families would be separated. Hence, it has been suggested that after the young and able-bodied refugees have been repatriated, the refugee camps should be amalgamated so that it would be easier to manage the refugees and the expenses could be curtailed. It is learned that a joint meeting of representatives of the various benevolent bodies will be convened to-morrow afternoon by the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association. Whether there will be some changes in refugee relief work in Shanghai will be decided at the meeting to-morrow.

Nov 12, 1940.

Gambling dens in the Western District - situation

A new gambling den to be known as the "Lok Yip Club" (樂 殿 娛 樂 部) was established on November 11 at 138 Jessfield Rd., C.C.I. (the premises of the defunct "Wan Sung" gambling den). The conductor is one Lee Siu Woo (李 咸 武) who is also conductor of the "Yah Sing" Amusement Company (協 廣 娛 樂 公 司), a gambling establishment at 20 Yee Toong Si, Jessfield Road, C.C.I. It pays a daily fee of \$200.00 to the East Asia Charity Association, Lane 1032, 20 Yee Toong Si, in addition to a sum of \$500.00 per day to the Western District Police Bureau and others of the Special Service Group.

Altogether there are two leading gambling dens and six small ones operating in the Western District.



Octoer 31, 1940.

Gambling dens in the Western District - Situation

A new gambling den to be known as the "Lwa Loh Hotel" (華樂飯店) will open in the near future at house 792 Ma Yuen Road (Tel.N.20076). This den is a branch of the China Club, 29 Tifeng Road, and the capital will be \$300,000.00.

At present there are two leading gambling establishments and five small ones operating in the western district which are as follows :

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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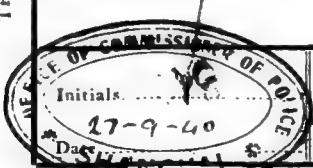
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Noted and Returned Date





Shanghai, September 27th, 1940 (M.VIII).

Consolato Generale di M. S. R. d' Italia

No. 1194.

Post. Tr.

The Commissioner of Police  
Shanghai Municipal Council  
I. C. C. A. L.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. D. 8039 A/41 (C) dated the 26th instant, with enclosed copy of the "China Press" containing a retraction of the article published on September 21st.

I consider the retraction fully satisfactory and wish to express my sincere thanks to you for the interest so promptly and kindly shown in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Consular Judge,  
Acting Consul General for Italy.



September 26, 40

Acting Consul General for Italy,  
Italian Consulate General.

Sir,

Further to my acknowledgement dated September 23, 1940 and in reply to your letter No. 1466 Pos. Tr. dated September 21, 1940, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the China Press of this date fully retracting the erroneous article published on September 21.

It is believed that such a gambling den may exist under the management of a Spaniard but operation is irregular and at present no complaints have been received and the Police have been unable to obtain confirmation. Enquiries will continue.

I trust the retraction published in the same part of the China Press will satisfy you.

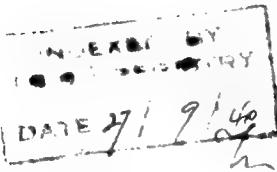
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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

2d. K. M. BURME.

Commissioner of Police.



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September 26, 1940. D. C. (Special Branch)

Commissioner of Police.

Sir,

Further to my report of September 25.

A draft of the correction promised by Mr. Alcott was delivered to this office at 3 p.m., September 25 and the correction appears in printed copies of the "China Press" this morning, September 26. I attach herewith the draft and printed correction together with a spare copy of the "China Press" which may be required to be sent to the Acting Consul General for Italy.

D. C. (Special Branch)

# The China Press

SHANGHAI, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1940

I'VE OFTEN WONDERED

BY CARROLL D. ALCOTT

## Gambling Den

I HAVE received, during the past few days, numerous circus telephone calls complaining against the operation of a certain gambling den in the International Settlement of Shanghai.

This den, according to all accounts, is a fly-by-night affair. But it seems to have been well patronized for reports concerning its existence have been in circulation for some time.

The argument presented by those complaining was quite simple. They contended that since complaints against the gambling houses in the badlands have been common, it was only fair that mention should be made of this particular spot.

In this column, on the morning of September 21, I made mention of the establishment. I stated:

"Part of the revenue taken in by one of the local gambling dens is reported to be finding its way into the Italian war chest . . . Although the police know of the existence of the place, they are almost powerless to do anything about it. The den operates under the protection of a certain foreign nation which has extraterritorial rights in China. If the police want to raid the place, a warrant is needed from the consular authorities concerned. While this may be forthcoming, news of the impending raid somehow gets into the hands of the operators and all the gaming equipment is removed before the police have a chance to get on the spot."

The Italian authorities have complained to the Shanghai Municipal Council, claiming that this report was malignant. I would like to point out, however, that my statement did not involve the Italian authorities. I merely said that it was reported that some of the revenue was finding its way into the hands of the Italian war chest. I presume that if anyone wants to donate to the Italian war chest, no matter how he got the money, that is his business.

As far as I know, the Italian authorities have nothing to do with the place, nor did I say they had. They may not even know of its existence, nor did I accuse them of knowing anything about it. If this is the impression created, I regret that such a misunderstanding should have developed.

Regarding the assertion that the "den operates as a club under the protection of a certain foreign nation which has extraterritorial rights in China," this assertion is an error. Those allegedly concerned are foreigners but they no longer have extraterritorial rights. They did up to a few years ago. As far as the location of this establishment is concerned, I shall name the place over the air when I have completed my own investigations.

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I have received, Sirs, the most interesting  
numerous collections of the **HEMI** corals which I have ever had the  
privilege of examining. I will soon forward the  
specimens of a collection of 1200 sent by the International  
Society of Naturalists.

Miller, as well as the other members, is fly-by-night ~~xxx~~ and fair. But it seems to have been well known of the people that during the time one has been in circulation - or some time.

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location of this establishment is concerned, I shall  
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my own investigations.

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September 25, 1940.

Commissioner of Police.  
Sir,

At 3 p.m., September 24, I interviewed Mr. G. Leonoff, City Editor of the "China Press", relative to a news item published on September 21 and which forms the subject of complaint by the Acting Consul General for Italy. Mr. Leonoff at once pronounced the news item to be the work of Mr. Carroll Alcott and promised to bring the complaint to the notice of Mr. Alcott. At 10 a.m., September 25, Mr. Alcott telephoned to this office and asked what action the Police expect ~~any~~ him to take. He went on to explain that the news item does not state that the gambling den referred to is operated by an Italian subject and is prepared to publish a further news item to this effect in the "China Press" on September 26.

Mr. Alcott, in reply to further questions, stated that the gambling den referred to is in an apartment on Bubbling Well Road and that the Police have raided the establishment on one occasion. He stated that the two proprietors are Spanish citizens and that certain foreigners resident in Shanghai are willing to testify that they have gambled in the establishment under review. At this juncture I suggested that a responsible Police Officer call on Mr. Alcott this morning and obtain full particulars of the evidence in his possession. He pleaded pressure of work and secondly that he preferred to state his case in writing which action he proposes to take on or before Friday, September 27.

A draft of the correction regarding the nationality of the proprietor of the gambling den will, if Mr. Alcott makes good a promise, be forwarded to this office at 3 p.m. to-day, September 25. I suggested that a better course to follow would be for a representative of the "China Press" to call on the Acting Consul General for Italy but this



suggestion was not favourably received and Mr. Alcott seems to be under the impression that the Acting Consul General for Italy should make representations to him direct.

Mr. Alcott suggested that the complaint be referred to the American Consulate-General but I reminded him that the "China Press" is Chinese owned and so registered with the Municipal Police.

I suggest we await receipt of the draft correction and, if it is satisfactory, present it for perusal by the Acting Consul General for Italy.

*R. M. Ward*  
D. C. (Special Branch)

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S. D. Bourne  
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September 21, 1940.

Acting Consul General for Italy.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1466 Pos. Tr. dated September 21, 1940, and in reply have to state that the matter is receiving attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. K. M. Bourne.  
Commissioner of Police.

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Early concur, bhar





Shanghai, September 21st, 1940-XVIII.

Consolato Generale di S.M. Re d'Italia

No. 1460.

Pos. Tr.

The Commissioner of Police  
Shanghai Municipal Council

TO C C A L

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a cutting from the local paper "The China Press" of to-day, September 21st, 1940, containing some malignant insinuations against the Italian Community and Consular Authorities.

I should appreciate your courtesy very much if you could refer to me any useful information which the Shanghai Municipal Police may have on this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Consular Judge,  
Acting Consul General for Italy.

# The China Press

SHANGHAI, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1940

## Italian War Fund

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In this column, on the morning of September 21, I made mention of the establishment. I stated: "Part of the revenue taken in by one of the local gambling dens is reported to be finding its way into the Italian war chest . . . Although the police know of the existence of the place, they are almost powerless to do anything about it. The den operates under the protection of a certain foreign nation which has extraterritorial rights in China. If the police want to raid the place, a warrant is needed from the consular authorities concerned. While this may be forthcoming, news of the impending raid somehow gets into the hands of the operators and all the gaming equipment is removed before the police have a chance to get on the spot."

The Italian authorities have complained to the Shanghai Municipal Council, claiming that this report was malignant. I would like to point out, however, that my statement did not involve the Italian authorities. I merely said that it was reported that some of the revenue was finding its way into the hands of the Italian war chest. I presume that if anyone wants to donate to the Italian war chest, no matter how he got the money, that is his business.

As far as I know, the Italian authorities have nothing to do with the place, nor did I say they had. They may not even know of its existence, nor did I accuse them of knowing anything about it. If this is the impression created, I regret that such a misunderstanding should have developed.

Regarding the assertion that the "den operates as a club under the protection of a certain foreign nation which has extraterritorial rights in China," this assertion is an error. Those allegedly concerned are foreigners but they no longer have extraterritorial rights. They did up to a few years ago. As far as the location of this establishment is concerned, I shall name the place over the air when I have completed my own investigations.

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BY CARROLL D. ALCOTT

Portuguese Law

According to Portuguese law, you can't arrest a man between dusk and sunup. Local police tell me that this is one of the reasons why it is so difficult to arrest any Portuguese who might be engaged in operating a gambling den in Shanghai. It's a nice, convenient ruling for those who would evade the law. They have the entire night in which to make a getaway.

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Government of  
Sri Lanka  
September 20, 1940.

To.

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

The Commissioner of Police sends his compliments in  
forwarding herewith the enclosed one document.

Reference No:- D.2059A/41(C)-O.

Subject :- Gambling Dens in the Western District -  
Situation.

Enclosures

Copy of Police Report.

For information. No action required.

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S. I. REGISTRY

No. S.F.H. N.D. 8032/410-1C

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REPORT

Date September 20, 1940.

Subject: Gambling dens in the western District - Situation.

Made by D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong Forwarded by D. S. I. Logan.

On September 19, another small gambling den entitled the "Yah Shing Amusement company" (協興娛樂公司) came into existence at 20 yee roong li, Jessfield Road, O.O.L. The conductor is one LI SIU WOO (李修武), guard of the defunct KWANG Sung Company (廣生賭台), a gambling den formerly situated at 135 Jessfield Road, O.O.L. This den pays a daily fee of \$200.00 to the East Asia Charity Association, Lane 1032, 25 yu yuen Road, and daily distributes \$500.00 between the Western District Police Bureau and members of the Special Service Group.

Altogether there are two leading gambling dens and five small ones operating in the western District.



Loh Wei Kong  
D. S. I.

D. C. (Special branch).

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Re: Report of  
Gambling Dens in the Western District.

September 18, 1940.

To.

**The Secretary & Commissioner General.**

The Commandant of Police presents his complaint in  
connection herewith the following documents.

Reference No. :- D.8039A/41(C)-O.

Subject :- Gambling dens in the Western District -  
Situation.

Copy of Report

**Copy of Police Report.**

**For information. No action required.**

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No. 9039/419-0

S. 1, Special Branch Staff,

REPORT

Date. September 17, 40.

Subject. Gambling dens in the Western District - Situation.

Made by. D.S.I. Loh Wei Kong. Forwarded by. D.S.I. Logan

With a view to extending "business", the Loh Kuo Hotel (樂國飯店), a leading gambling establishment located at 346 Avenue Haig, has constructed an additional building in its compound. It is a three storied house and will be opened for use to-day, September 17. Including the new building mentioned, there are now three buildings in operation at the Loh Kuo Hotel at 346 Avenue Haig.

On September 16, a small gambling den which will be known as the "Sung Li Company" (勝利公司) was established in an unnumbered house next to 667 Edinburgh Road, O.O.L. (opposite the Chien Kun (劍坤) Theatre). This den pays a daily fee of \$200.00 to the East Asia Charity Association, Lane 1032, 25 Yu Yuen Road.

Altogether there are two leading gambling dens and four small ones operating at the following addresses in the Western District :

Name	Address
1. Loh Kuo Hotel	346 Avenue Haig.
2. China Club	29 Tifeng Road.
3. Sung Kee Huh Li Company (勝利公司)	43 Sing Kong Li, Connaught Road, O.O.L.
4. Huh Li Company (合利公司)	71 Zung Zoen Li, Jessfield Road, O.O.L.



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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
5.	Woo Ping Company (和平公司)	First House, Yien Tsuh Li, Woo Ping Road, off Bubbling Well Road, O.O.L.
6.	Sung Li Company (勝利公司)	An unnumbered house next to 667 Edinburgh Road, O.O.L.

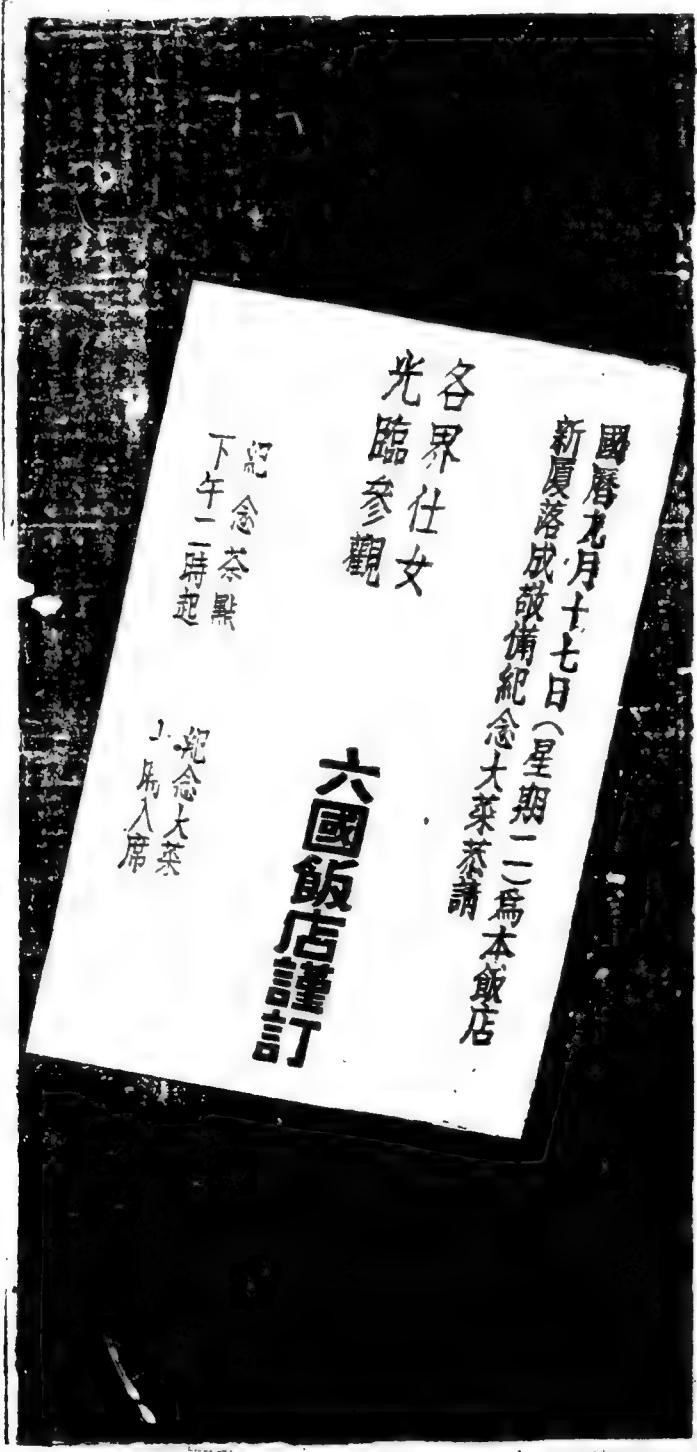
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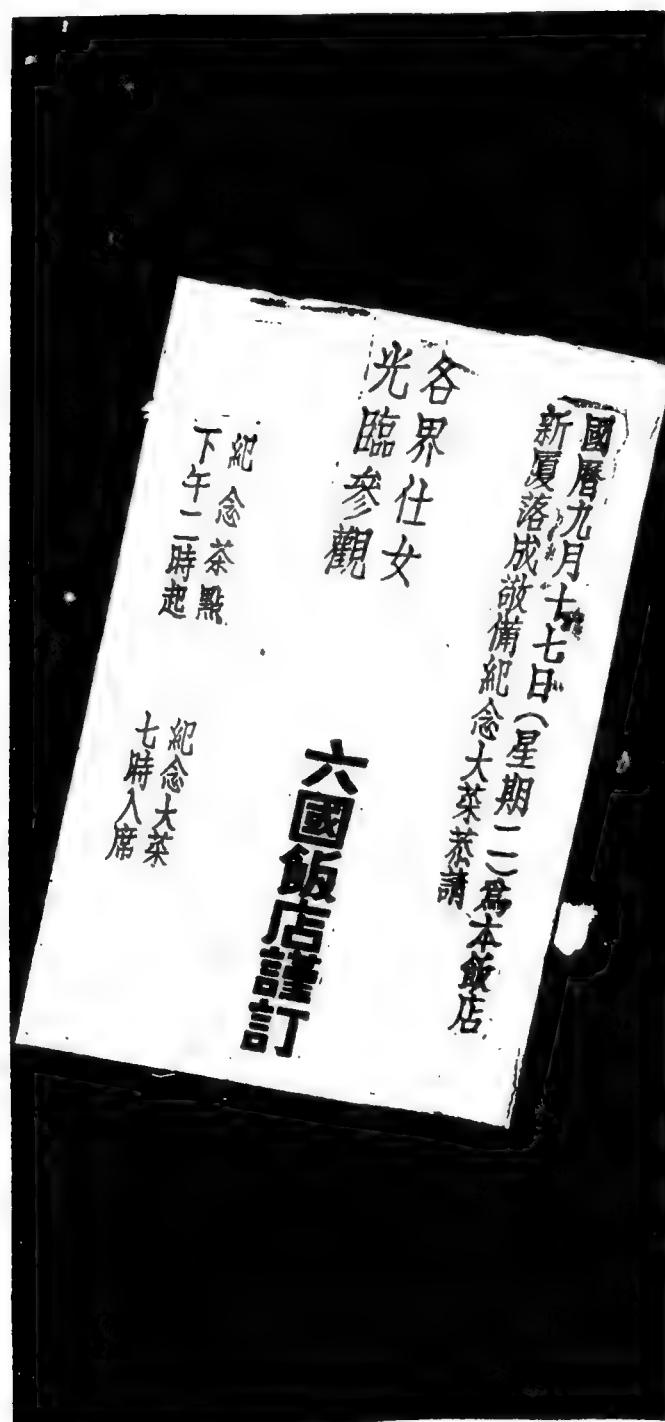
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Shun Pao

September 17, 1940



Loh Koh Hotel

New building  
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Commemoration  
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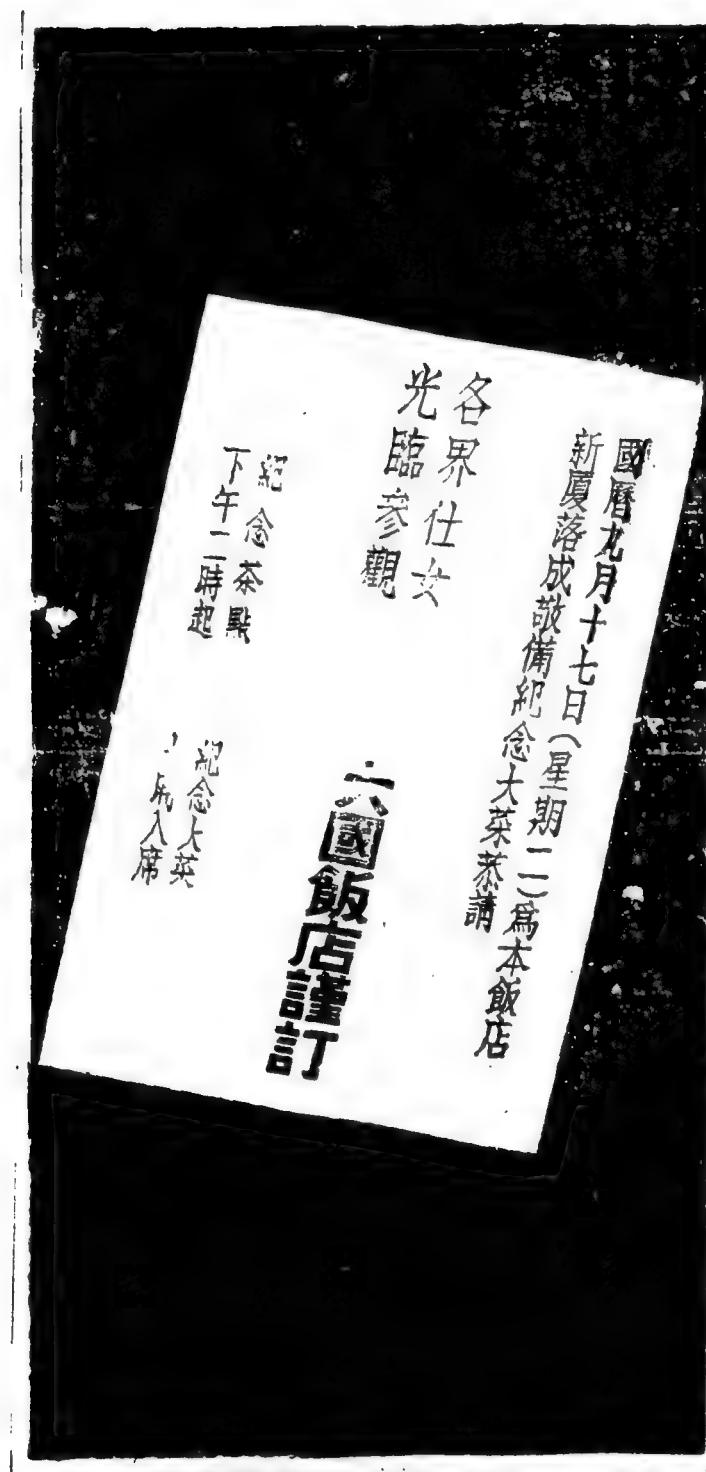
People are hereby  
invited to attend.

Light refreshment  
from 2 p.m.

Dinner from 7 p.m.

Central China Daily News

September 17, 1940



Loh Koh Hotel

New building completed on September 17 (Tuesday).

Commemoration dinners prepared

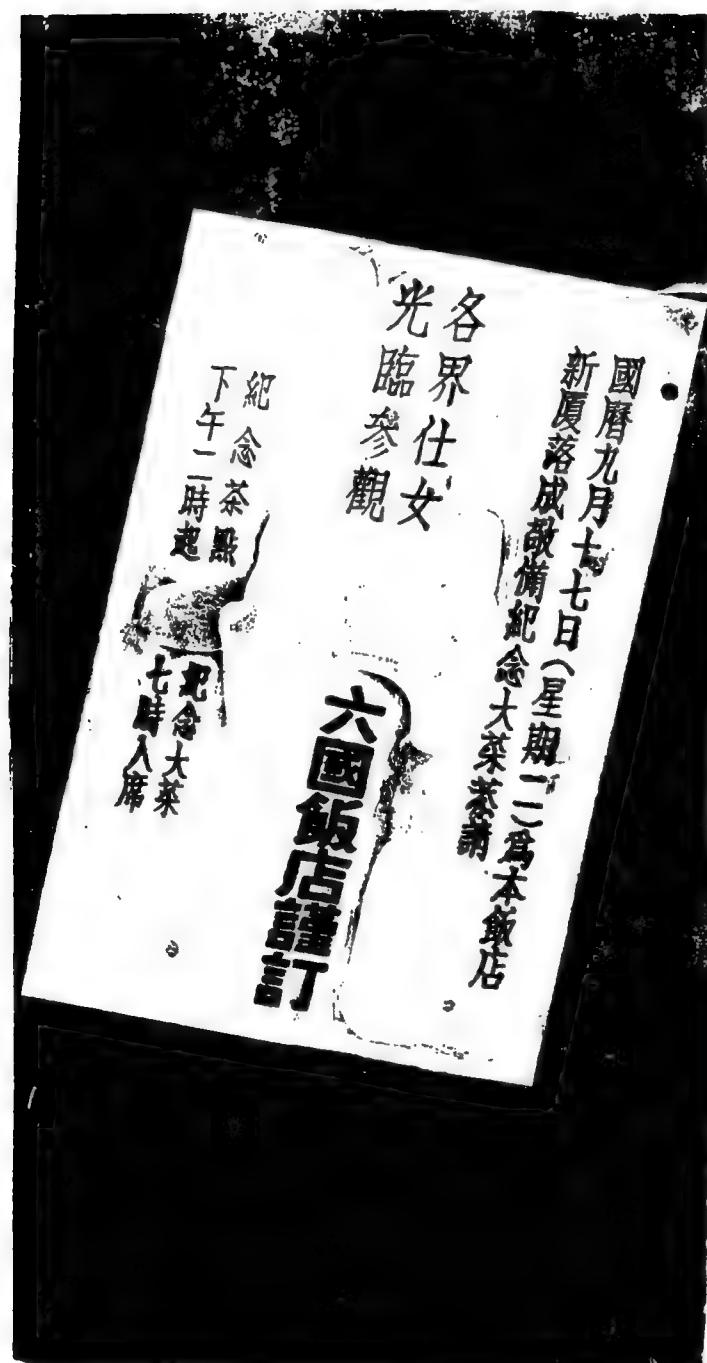
People are hereby invited to attend

Light refreshment from 2 p.m.

Dinner from 7 p.m.

Chung Kuo Shan Pao

September 17, 1940



Loh Koh Hotel

New building completed on September 17 (Tuesday).

Commemoration dinners prepared.

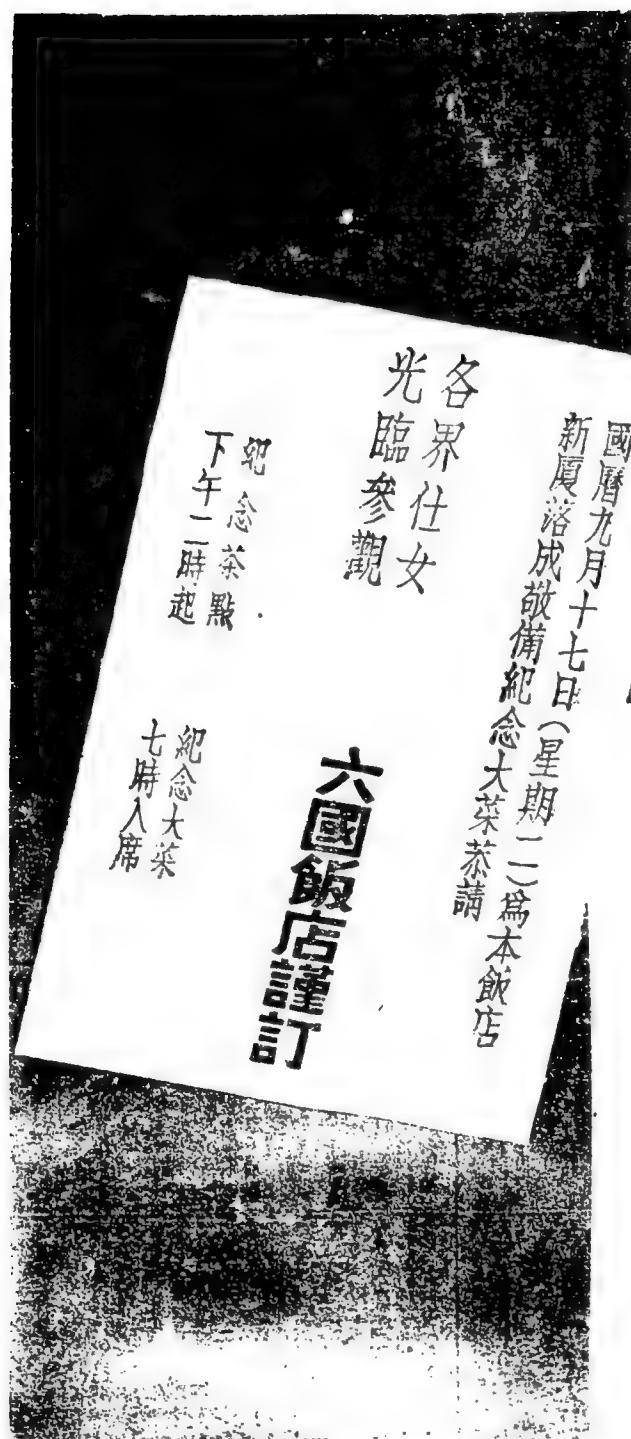
People are hereby invited to attend

Light refreshment from 2 p.m.

Dinner from 7 p.m.

Bing Pao

September 17, 1940



Loh Koh Hotel

New building completed on September 17 (Tuesday).

Commemoration dinners prepared.

People are hereby invited to attend.

Light refreshment from 2 p.m.

Dinner from 7 p.m.

Sin Shun Pao

September 17, 1940

Loh Koh Hotel

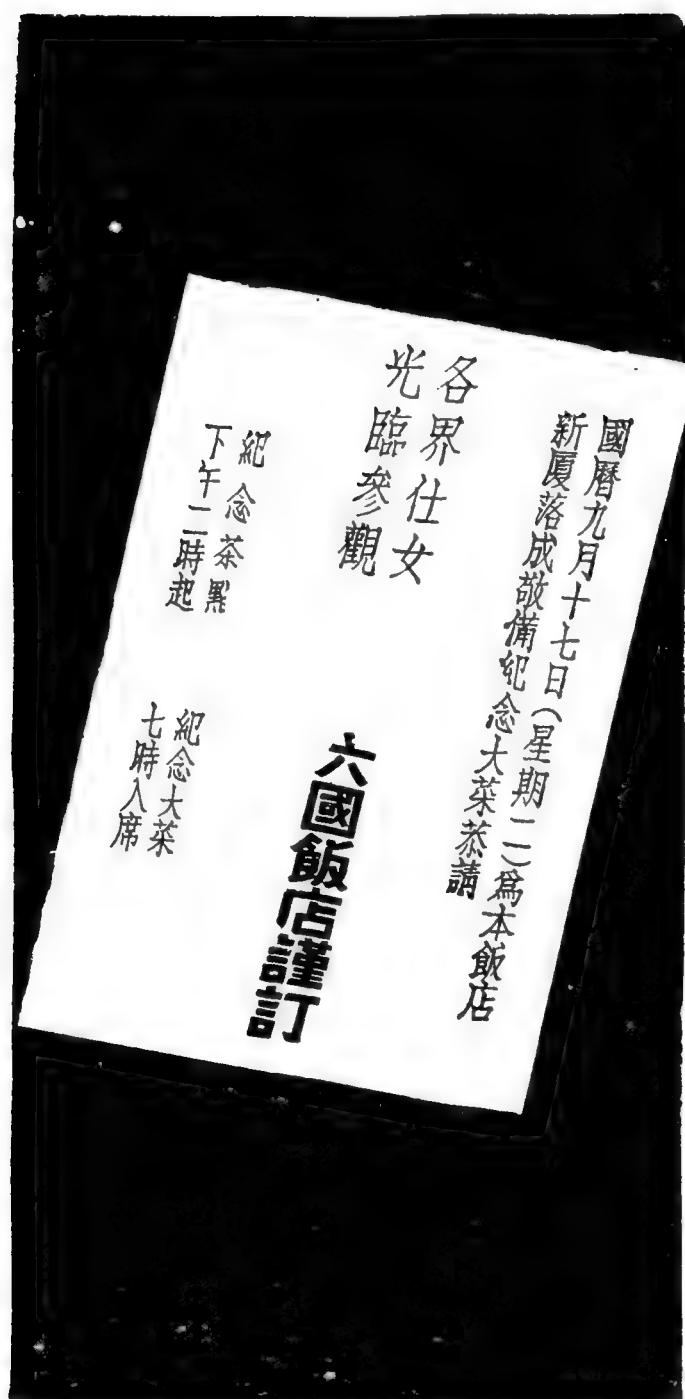
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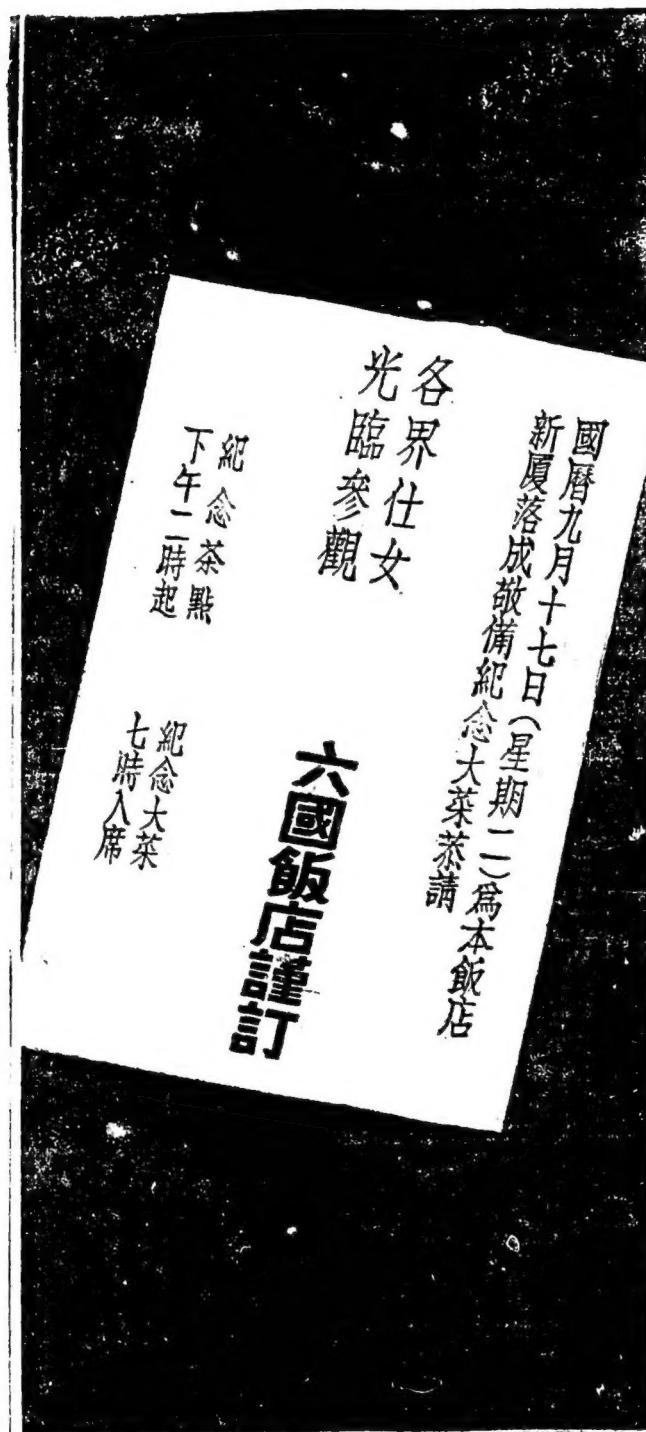
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China Evening News.

September 16, 1940



Loh Koh Hotel

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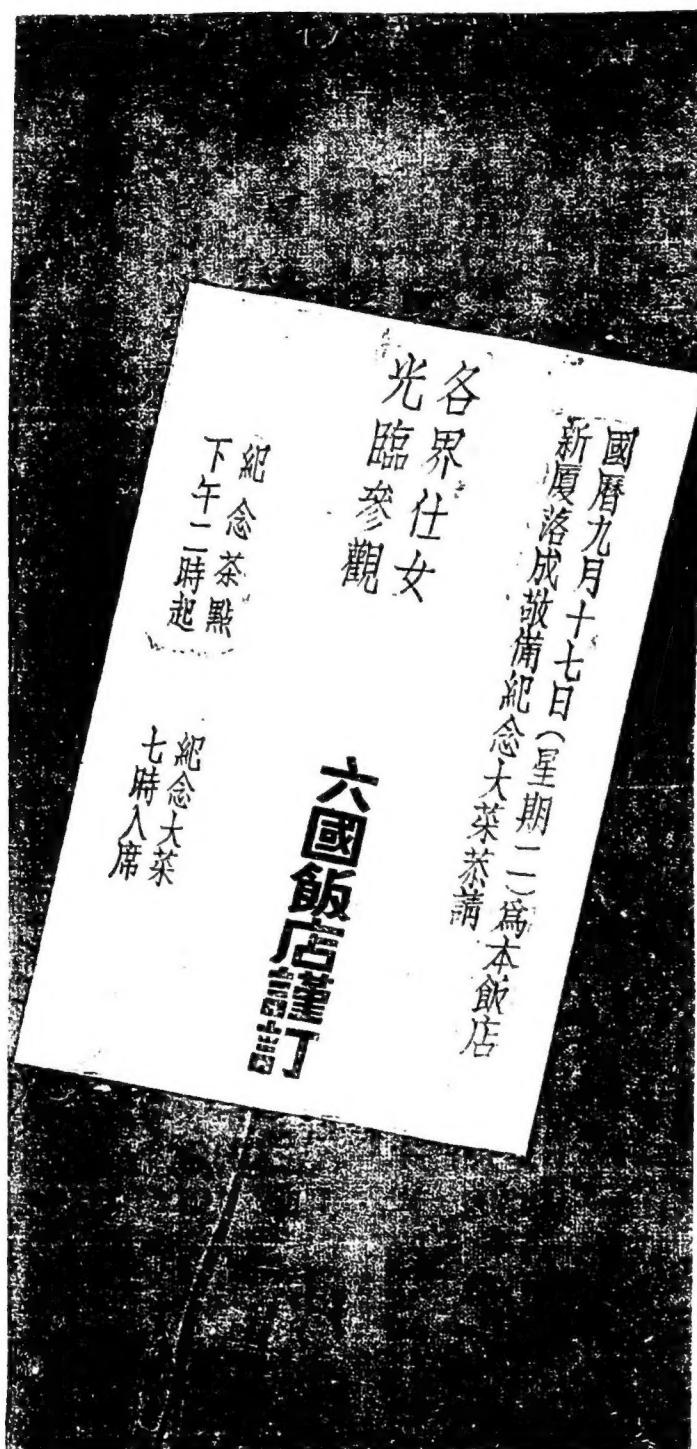
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Dinner from 7 p.m.

Ta Ying Yeh Pao

September 16, 1940



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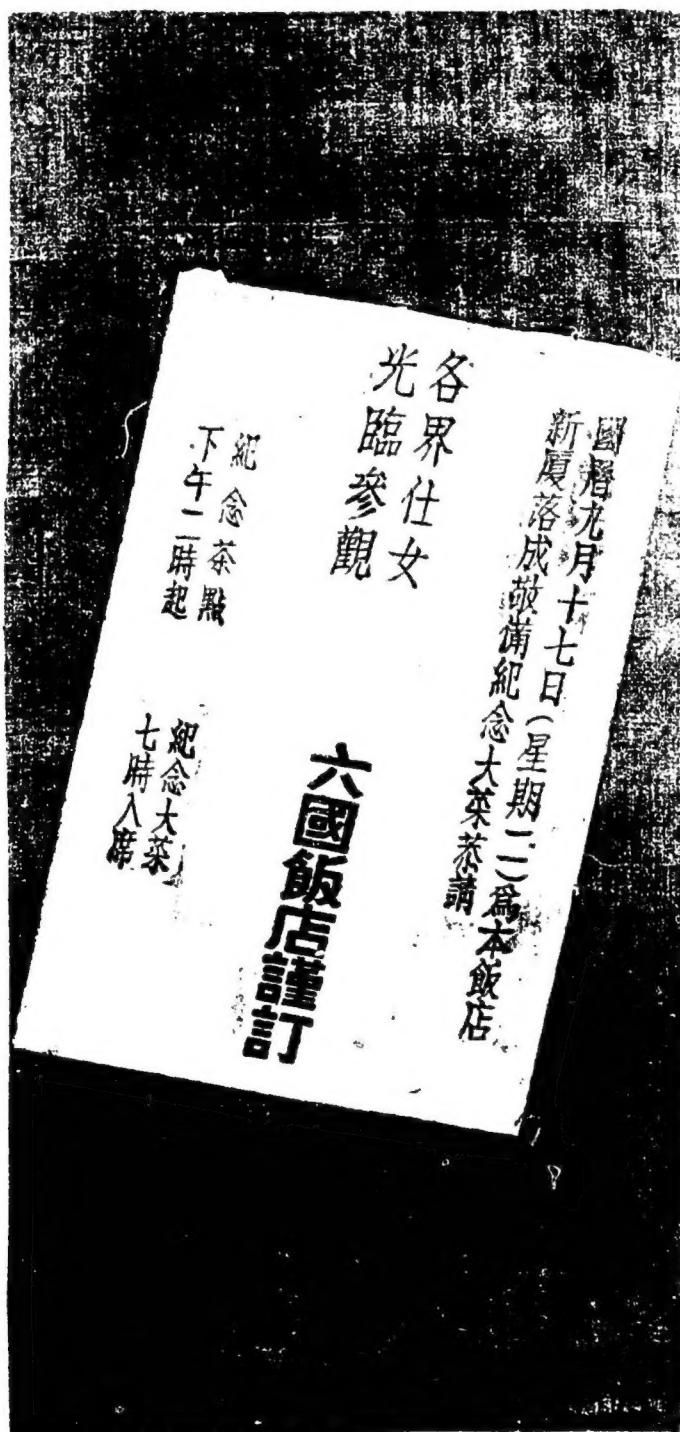
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Light refreshment  
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Dinner from 7 p.m.

Ta Mei Wan Pao

September 16, 1940



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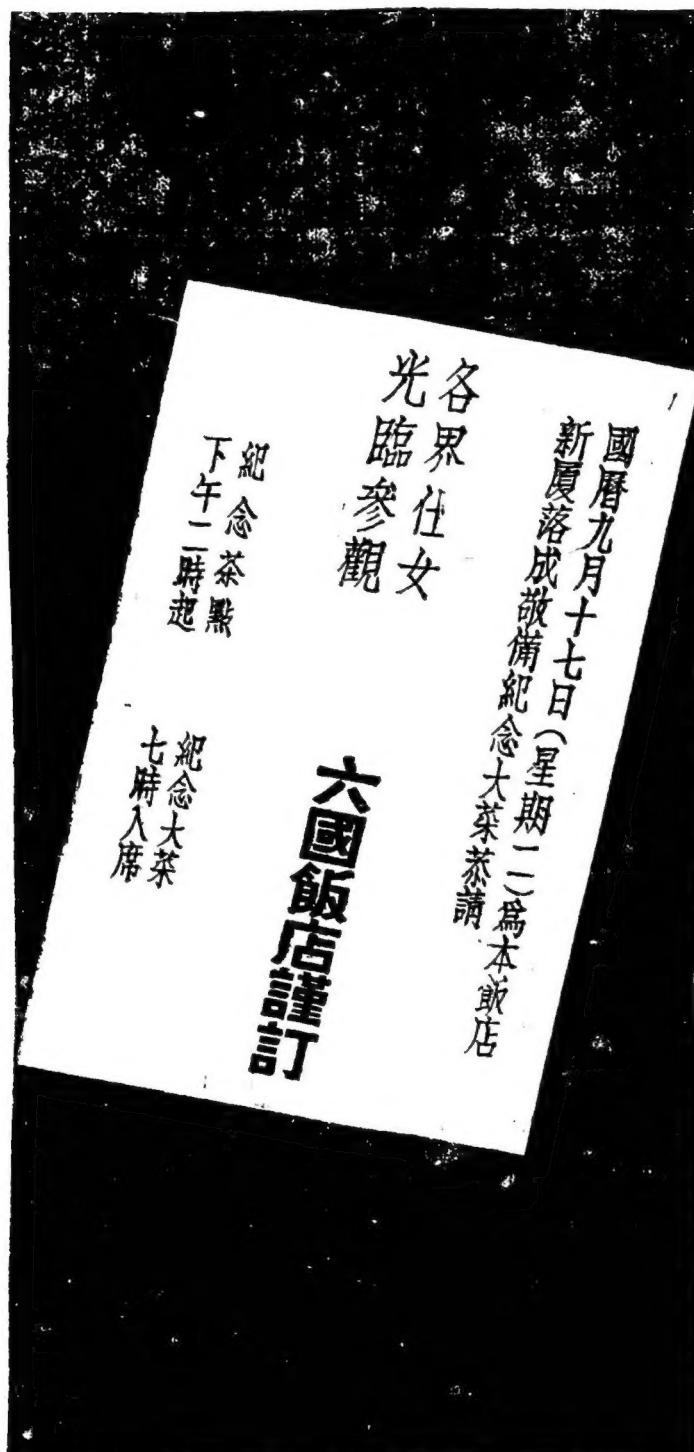
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Dinner from 7 p.m.

Hwa Mei Wan Pao

September 16, 1940



Loh Koh Hotel

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September 17  
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Commemoration  
dinners prepared

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invited to attend.

Light refreshment  
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Dinner from 7 p.m.